

SENATE RESOLUTION 59
By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Pete Sanders of
Claiborne County.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of Pete Sanders; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sanders was a distinguished citizen of the state of Tennessee who was very dedicated to his profession, community and family; and

WHEREAS, a native of Foust Hollow, Pete Sanders attended Norris Elementary School and later drove buses for Greyhound; and

WHEREAS, Pete Sanders founded his own trucking business, and bought property on Norris Lake, where he built a small boat dock; and

WHEREAS, his diligence and hard work made the Claiborne County Boat Dock one of the largest and most popular docks in the region; and

WHEREAS, Pete's boat dock became a cherished retreat for thousands, including the "King of Country Music" Roy Acuff; and

WHEREAS, Pete was a dedicated fan of Roy Acuff, and devoutly listened to his radio show weekly from the Grand Ole Opry; and

WHEREAS, when Roy Acuff would perform his song "Down in Union County", it was a signal to Pete that Roy and his "Smoky Mountain Boys" were coming down to his boat dock for a few days of rest and relaxation; and

WHEREAS, he would also serve as a hunting guide to Mr. Acuff and many other dignitaries in the Chuck Swan Wildlife Management Area; and

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WHEREAS, after Pete sold his thriving business, he bought a home in Florida and retreated there in the winter; and

WHEREAS, although Pete lived in Florida part of the year, his heart remained in Tennessee, and while he was home, he would serve as a tour guide to the visitors of the Museum of Appalachia, where he would discuss the region's vast history; and

WHEREAS, Pete Sanders was an active in the Milan Baptist Church, of which he was a cherished member for several years; and

WHEREAS, Mr., Sanders also served with distinction as a Mason; and

WHEREAS, the legacy Pete Sanders leaves behind will be long remembered and treasured by friends and associates for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, Pete enjoyed the loving companionship of his late wife, Fairabelle B. Sanders; he was the brother of Bratcher Lee Sanders, John F. Sanders, Conda Sanders, Elmer Sanders and the late Dewey Sanders; and the uncle of several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor the memory of Mr. Pete Sanders, remembering with admiration his strong character and many selfless contributions to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Pete Sanders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.